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MG William E. Cooper, Jr., USA  
Deputy Director for Foreign Intelligence  
Defense Intelligence Agency

Dear Bill:

Thanks for your recent memo to Bob Gates regarding drafters for upcoming NIEs and DIA research on Soviet Internal Troops. [ ]

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As concerns the IIM on Soviet paramilitary resources, we have tentatively changed the title to "Moscow's Home Front" in order to avoid confusion with our other assessment on SPETSNAZ forces. The Home Front IIM will indeed cover Soviet internal troops (and therefore will require a major input from DIA), but it will also treat extensively Soviet quasi-military and civil resources--such as railroad troops and the fishing fleet--which could be used to back up Soviet combatants. [ ]

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My assistant [ ] is hoping to assemble this information in the form of appendices provided by the most qualified analysts in the Community and then attempt to make some sense out of the totality in a brief discussion portion of the IIM which he hopes to draft himself. The appendices would serve as a reference document which for the first time would assemble all of these quasi-military resources under one cover but not treat any one of them in great detail. [ ] has a number of other estimates under way which he is managing, it could be that time will not permit him to draft the discussion of the Home Front IIM. Should this be the case, we will no doubt ask for your assistance in drafting the discussion. In any case, we will be counting on DIA for probably the larger share of inputs to the appendices to this paper. We expect to send out a draft Concept Paper and TOR on the Home Front IIM within the next few weeks. [ ]

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Your kind offer of a drafter for the above IIM reminds me, however, that we have a couple of papers which are currently standing still because of the lack of qualified drafters. DIA has been most forthcoming in providing drafters for our NATO Modernization series. In fact, the currently underway paper [ ] is the first one in four years which is not being drafted by DIA. We would like your indulgence once again should you have

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anyone with the appropriate background to assist us in the next NATO Modernization IIM on either Spain or Greece. Should a qualified drafter not be immediately available, we could delay our plans for the next in the series and wait until such a qualified person becomes available. [REDACTED]

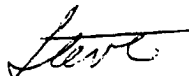
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Regarding the briefing for Mr. Casey on the Soviet Internal Troops, [REDACTED] was referring to inputs for the bi-weekly meetings which we NIOs conduct with the DCI. These meetings are quite informal and are designed to discuss short point papers submitted by a number of the NIOs for the DCI's perusal. Soviet Internal Troops is probably a good candidate for one of these informal sessions, and, if you have no objections, we will explore it further with your analysts to see if an interesting topical point paper could be provided to the DCI. [REDACTED]

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Sincerely,



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